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WASHINGTON (AP) — Cuba's propaganda drive to impress other Latin-American nations has been costing it close to \$15 million a year, George V. Allen, U.S. says.

He fold a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee in testimony made public Friday that that is as much as the OSIA is spending on its Latin marked program, and it is absurd if the U.S. and Cuban budgets are compared.

Total Soviet bloc propaganda expenditures in Latin America, he said, amount to an estimated \$100 million a year.

In closed-door testimony last June 24, Allen also said the United States has refused to get into a radio war with Cuba, and jam Cuban broadcasts.

But more and more Cubans who really want to find out what is going on in the world are going to their short-wave sets because of the very fact that Castro has gotten more and more monopolistic control over the local ratio and newspapers, he said.

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